

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2871

By COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION, INNOVATION, AND WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT

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1 Delete lines 4 through 11 of the printed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) As used in sections 1 to 4 of this 2015 Act, ‘open educational**
3 **resources’ means teaching, learning and research resources that reside in the public domain**
4 **or that have been released under an intellectual property license that permits their free use**
5 **and repurposing by others.**

6 **“(2) The Open Educational Resources Grant Program is established within the Higher**
7 **Education Coordinating Commission and in collaboration with public universities listed in**
8 **ORS 352.002 and community colleges. The purpose of the program is to encourage the use**
9 **of low or no-cost open educational resources in Oregon’s post-secondary institutions of edu-**
10 **cation.**

11 **“(3) Subject to the availability of funds, the commission shall award grants on a com-**
12 **petitive basis to public universities listed in ORS 352.002, community colleges or consortia**
13 **of public universities and community colleges.**

14 **“(4) In awarding grants under subsection (3) of this section, the commission shall give**
15 **priority to applications that propose to:**

16 **“(a) Adapt or otherwise make use of existing open educational resources;**

17 **“(b) Leverage grants awarded under this section with matching private funds or other**
18 **resources;**

19 **“(c) Utilize students in the design or production of open educational resource materials;**

20 **“(d) Involve coordinated activities between two or more public universities and commu-**
21 **nity colleges;**

22 **“(e) Focus on high-enrollment courses;**

23 **“(f) Address a need not currently met by existing available resources; and**

24 **“(g) Assist in convening faculty from public universities and community colleges to pro-**
25 **mote the use of open educational resources within post-secondary education.**

26 **“SECTION 2. The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall employ an open edu-**
27 **cational resource specialist who shall be responsible for collaborating with the state’s public**
28 **universities listed in ORS 352.002 and community colleges to foster the use of open educa-**
29 **tional resources in a manner that increases the access, affordability and success of Oregon**
30 **students at post-secondary institutions of education. While working in an inclusive and**
31 **collaborative manner, the specialist shall:**

32 **“(1) Help identify available open educational resources;**

33 **“(2) Assist public university and community college personnel in methods of:**

34 **“(a) Properly attributing, combining, revising and redistributing open educational re-**
35 **sources; and**

1 “(b) Creating openly licensed content and sharing one’s work; and

2 “(3) Assist faculty members at public universities and community colleges as they seek
3 to use open educational resources in their courses.

4 “SECTION 3. (1) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is ap-
5 propriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning
6 July 1, 2015, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$1,100,000 for the purposes of imple-
7 menting sections 1 and 2 of this 2015 Act.

8 “(2) All resources created or revised with moneys appropriated under this section must
9 be openly licensed and shared with the public through an existing or new open educational
10 resources repository.

11 “SECTION 4. Each public university listed in ORS 352.002 and community college shall
12 prominently designate courses whose course materials exclusively consist of open or free
13 textbooks or other low-cost or no-cost course materials. The course designation required by
14 this section must appear in the published course descriptions that are on the Internet or are
15 otherwise provided to students at the time of course registration, including on the campus
16 bookstore course materials list that is provided for the course.

17 “SECTION 5. (1) By June 30, 2017, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, in
18 coordination with public universities listed in ORS 352.002 and community colleges, shall
19 identify open educational resources that can be adopted as the primary instructional mate-
20 rial for at least 30 courses that are:

21 “(a) High-enrollment;

22 “(b) Within general education disciplines; and

23 “(c) Capable of being transferred among community colleges and between community
24 colleges and public universities listed in ORS 352.002.

25 “(2) Open educational resources identified under subsection (1) of this section must have
26 undergone a peer-review process and be made available to all post-secondary institutions of
27 education operating in Oregon.

28 “(3) As used in this section, ‘open educational resources’ has the meaning given that
29 term in section 1 of this 2015 Act.

30 “SECTION 6. Section 5 of this 2015 Act is repealed on January 2, 2018.

31 “SECTION 7. Not later than December 1, 2015, the Higher Education Coordinating Com-
32 mission shall submit a report on the status of implementing sections 1 to 5 of this 2015 Act
33 to the interim legislative committees on higher education. This report must also detail any
34 barriers identified by the commission relating to the future development or use of open ed-
35 ucational resources, as defined in section 1 of this 2015 Act.

36 “SECTION 8. Section 7 of this 2015 Act is repealed on July 1, 2016.

37 “SECTION 9. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
38 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect
39 on its passage.”.